



United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service
Cape Lookout National Seashore
131 Charles Street
Harkers Island, North Carolina 28531



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December 19, 2013

Commercial Use Authorization Permittee:

As of February 14, 2014, existing Commercial Use Authorizations (CUA) for 2013 will expire for authorized services provided by your organization to visitors of Cape Lookout National Seashore (CALO). This letter is to provide you information about the future of CUAs within Cape Lookout National Seashore.

The National Park Service has issued a concession contract to Island Express Ferry Service, LLC. The concession contract is to provide point-to-point ferry service to depart from Beaufort and Harkers Island. The ferry will deliver visitors to the following service area: Shackleford Banks and South Core Banks in the area of the Cape Lookout Light Station (south of mile marker forty (40)). The contract also includes land transportation services departing from the lighthouse area and providing this service on South Core Banks.

Beginning February 15, 2014:

- CUAs **will not be issued** for point-to-point ferry service proposed to the service area (outlined above) that is within the new concession contract.
- CUAs **will not be issued** for any proposed tour operations with transportation by vessels that has the same or equivalent effect as providing point-to-point ferry service.
- CUAs **will not be issued** for tour services that include land transportation departing from within the service area defined by the concession contract.
- CUAs **may be issued** for tours that are in concert with the Cape Lookout National Seashore Long Range Interpretive Plan and will utilize the ferry and/or land transportation provided by Island Express Ferry Service, LLC.
- CUAs **may be issued** for vehicle and passenger ferry services to Long Point and Great Island.
- CUAs **may be issued** for passenger ferry service to Portsmouth Village.
- CUAs **may be issued** in accordance with the park's Commercial Services Plan.

The Park's Commercial Services Plan allows for certain guided services including hunting & fishing services, environmental tours, kayaking tours, and charter fishing and sailing excursions. Proposals for CUAs that include transportation **will be** required to establish that the service(s) proposed are not in direct competition with the NPS Concession Ferry Contract issued to Island

Express Ferry Service, LLC. Please see attachment one (1) for commercial tour criteria requirements.

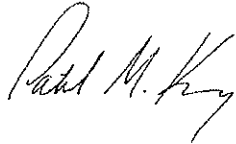
A CUA application along with all required forms has been included as well. Be advised that your application will not be evaluated until we have received a complete package with all supporting materials (e.g. insurance documentation, etc.) These documents and forms are also available on the park's website at www.nps.gov/calo/parkmgmt/businesswithpark.htm.

Starting in 2014, the fee schedule is as follows:

- Non-Refundable Application Fee of \$75
- Permit Fee of \$475
- All permits issued in 2014, no matter when issued, will expire December 31, 2014.

As in any National Park Service areas, commercial visitor services may be provided only by those holding an authorization from the United States. Operating any type of commercial visitor service within CALO without written authorization from the United States is a violation of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations. It is a citable offense. If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Cushinberry, Administrative Officer, by mail or electronic mail at Calo_Administration@nps.gov or telephone (252) 728-2250, extension 3019. If you would like to visit the office, please first make an appointment to assure someone will be able to meet with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick M. Kenney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Patrick" and last name "Kenney" clearly distinguishable.

Patrick M. Kenney
Superintendent